

Letter from Tilton C. Reynolds to Juliana Reynolds, January 28, 1862

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Dear Mother,

I wrote to you last night but I know how anxious you are to hear from camp that I will write to night again. I did not get any letters to day but I got a couple yesterday So I cant complain. It is awful disagreeable here now for It is So muddy that one can hardly get round but It is easy on the men for they dont have to drill any. But Still there is Dress Parade every evening. The men all come out with White gloves on I tell you they look nice. I wish you could come and see us all formed in Line of Battle It is quite a pretty sight to one that never seen the like. [??] is here now. If I had plenty of money I would Send It to you and have you come down here for you could as well as not. Mrs Cabet & Mrs Nickelson is here & lots of women.

There was a man Died to day out of Co F. He died with the Small Pox but none of the rest in the Regt have got It. I dont know where he got It but I think If they had sent him to the Kalorama Hospital where Jo Conn was that he would have got well. Conn tended to him. I guess Mary Fryar was badly Scared when she found out this fellow had the Small pox. She would not Stay at the Hospital at all and sent word for some one to fetch over a horse and take her away or She would walk over through the mud. She is at the Hospital here in Camp now. You must recollect we have two Hospitals. One is about 1/2 or 3/4 of a mile from here and the other is right in Sight.

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Nichelson is going to board the Officers now. Some of them took Dinner there to day. There was Six commissioned officers resigned to day One Capt & 5 Lieuts. One Capt Rose from Clearfield, Lieut Brady from Brookville, Lieut Worrel [Worrall] from Clearfield, Lieut Chas Wilson from Beech Woods & Lieut Garner Wilson from Beech Woods & Lieut Altman from Indiana. When the Col thinks the Officers are not good he gets their names put on a paper and they have to appear before a Board to be examined & Rather than do this they Resign for they well know that they can not Stand Examination. Some of them will be apt to go through Reynoldsville. I am acquainted with all of them. The Col has a Wild Cat on top of his house. It is fixed up so it looks exactly like a live one. It has a piece of Red flannel In Its mouth which looks like a tongue.

There is a talk In Camp that this Regt is going to Washington city to guard but I guess It is only a Camp Story. The Boys are having a fine time out at the guard house to night I can hear them Laughing and talking but the Officer of the day will be round before long and he will Stop It for them. The General Sent word over a while ago for the Officer of the day to stop the noise but he has not come round yet. This paper is awful greasy but I will Scribble away on it for a while yet. The Adjt is out some place he said he was going to write to night but I guess he will not get In In time for It is 10 Oclock now. I can hear him laughing I guess he is in Capt Kirks quarters. I tell you there is some nice officers in this Regt. Capt Kirk is one of the Best felows I have Seen yet. He is a large man 6 ft & Some Inches high & Sandy hair & a big Red Moustache. I tell you he is a fine looking Officer. He has been in the service before. He is as stout as a house.

And his 1st Lieut too is as nice a man as you generally come across. He is from New York and is a Gentelman in every way you take him.

But I must quit this. Give my love to all. My Envelopes are all done and I have just found It out So I will have to Send this in a Big One.

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The Adj't has just come in and says he is going to write a letter yet. But Dear Mother
farewell for the present. Your ever Affectionate Son.

Tilton Reynolds